

## **2019 BUDGET – OVERVIEW**

On March 13, 2019 Mayor Wilkie and the Township Council introduced the 2019 budget and scheduled the public hearing and adoption for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Mayor Wilkie and the Township Council prepared a budget that calls for no increase in the local purpose tax (LPT) or the water and sewer rates. The local purpose tax is the only tax that falls directly under the township. The local purpose tax remains at .439 and it has been the same rate since 2013. The Mayor and Township Council always work closely to improve municipal services and to keep the local purpose tax stable for the community.

In addition to there being no increase in the local purpose tax in 2019, a few budget highlights are as follows:

- The 2019 Road Program is currently out to bid. Information about roads that are scheduled to be done this year and in early-mid 2020 is on the municipal website. The township is continuing to repave many roads each year. This fall, the township will explore additional roads that will be considered for improvement in the 2020 and 2021 budget years
- Mayor and Council have secured a \$255,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to help repave a large section of Potts Mill Road. This will be Phase 2 and work will begin where the paving left off last year. The goal is to do this specific work in 2019, and then plan to repave the remainder of the road all the way to Route 130.
- Florence Township is continuing to work with other governmental agencies on initiating major improvements along the Route 130 Corridor (at the intersection of Florence-Columbus Road and at the intersection of Cedar Lane). Once the state plans are finalized and the scope of the project is known, information will be distributed to the public.
- This spring, the Florence Township Police Department is formally swearing in 3 new police officers who successfully completed the police academy and departmental training. In addition, 1 new police cadet is scheduled to enter the police academy this year.
- In September 2018, the township and the Florence Township School District implemented a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO). The new program has gone extremely well and we are exploring the feasibility of adding a second SRO in late 2019 or early 2020.
- The 2019 Carnival, Patriotic Celebration, Summer Camp Programs and the USTA Tennis Clinics are all returning this year. In addition, the Recreation Director, Marty Eckert has arranged an exciting Music in the Park series this year. Information about all municipally sponsored programs and community events are posted to Florence Township's Facebook page and the township website.
- Work on the future bikeway/walkway path to be constructed on the former Griffin Pipe old rail line in the center of Fifth Street is scheduled to be done before the end of 2020. Part of the old tracks and railroad ties will be removed later this year and the township is planning to finish the balance of the work in 2020 so that residents can enjoy a new walkway/bikeway path in the community.
- Undertaking improvements to the water and sewer system continues to be a priority for the Mayor and Township Council. Over the next few years, the utility will continue to implement significant infrastructure improvements to the entire utility system.

If there are any questions about the budget prior to the public hearing on May 1, 2019, please feel free to contact the Township Administrator, Richard Brook at (609) 499-2525.

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<u>2018 Total Appropriation w/o Reserve</u>	<u>2019 Total Appropriation w/o Reserve</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 11,569,480	\$ 11,896,968	\$ 327,488

<u>2018 Total Appropriation w/Reserve</u>	<u>2019 Total Appropriation w/Reserve</u>	<u>Final Difference</u>
\$ 12,089,343	\$ 12,457,574	\$ 368,231

<u>Amount to be Raised by Taxation 2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 5,483,816.47	\$ 5,500,593	\$ 16,776.53

### Local Purpose Tax

	<u>Average Assessment</u>	<u>LPT Rate</u>	<u>Local Purpose Tax</u>	<u>Difference</u>
2013	\$ 227,410	.439	\$ 998	(\$ 8.00)
2014	\$ 224,411	.439	\$ 985	(\$ 13.00)
2015	\$ 221,014	.439	\$ 970	(\$ 15.00)
2016	\$ 218,712	.439	\$ 960	(\$ 10.00)
2017	\$ 218,853	.439	\$ 961	\$ 1.00
2018	\$ 219,382	.439	\$ 963	\$ 2.00
2019	\$ 219,441	.439	\$ 963	0

TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE  
2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues		Anticipated	
	2019	2018	
1. Surplus	\$1,826,000.00	\$1,818,000.00	
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	4,830,981.00	4,812,992.86	
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	300,000.00	424,000.00	
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	5,500,593.00	5,483,816.47	
b) Addition to Local District School Tax	0.00	0.00	
Total Amt to be Raised by Taxes			
for Support of Municipal Budget	5,500,593.00	5,483,816.47	
Total General Revenues	\$12,457,574.00	\$12,538,809.33	
Summary of Appropriations		2019 Budget	Final 2018 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	\$5,723,431.00	\$5,491,262.00	
Other Expenses	3,735,573.55	4,024,121.33	
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	1,169,093.45	1,117,233.00	
3. Capital Improvements	0.00	230,000.00	
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	1,268,870.00	1,156,330.00	
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	560,606.00	519,863.00	
Total General Appropriations	\$12,457,574.00	\$12,538,809.33	
Total Number of Employees	102	102	

2018 Dedicated Water & Sewer Utility Budget			
Summary of Revenues		Anticipated	
	2019	2018	
1. Surplus	\$820,000.00	\$566,430.00	
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	4,937,218.00	5,215,000.00	
3. Capital Surplus	0.00	0.00	
4. Deficit (General Budget)	0.00	0.00	
Total Revenues	\$5,757,218.00	\$5,781,430.00	
Summary of Appropriations		2019 Budget	Final 2018 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		\$1,558,566.00	\$1,432,120.00
Other Expenses		3,146,650.00	2,461,735.00
2. Capital Improvements		300,000.00	130,000.00
3. Debt Service		471,725.00	1,503,775.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		280,277.00	253,800.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		0.00	0.00
Total Appropriations		5,757,218.00	5,781,430.00
Total Number of Employees		14	14

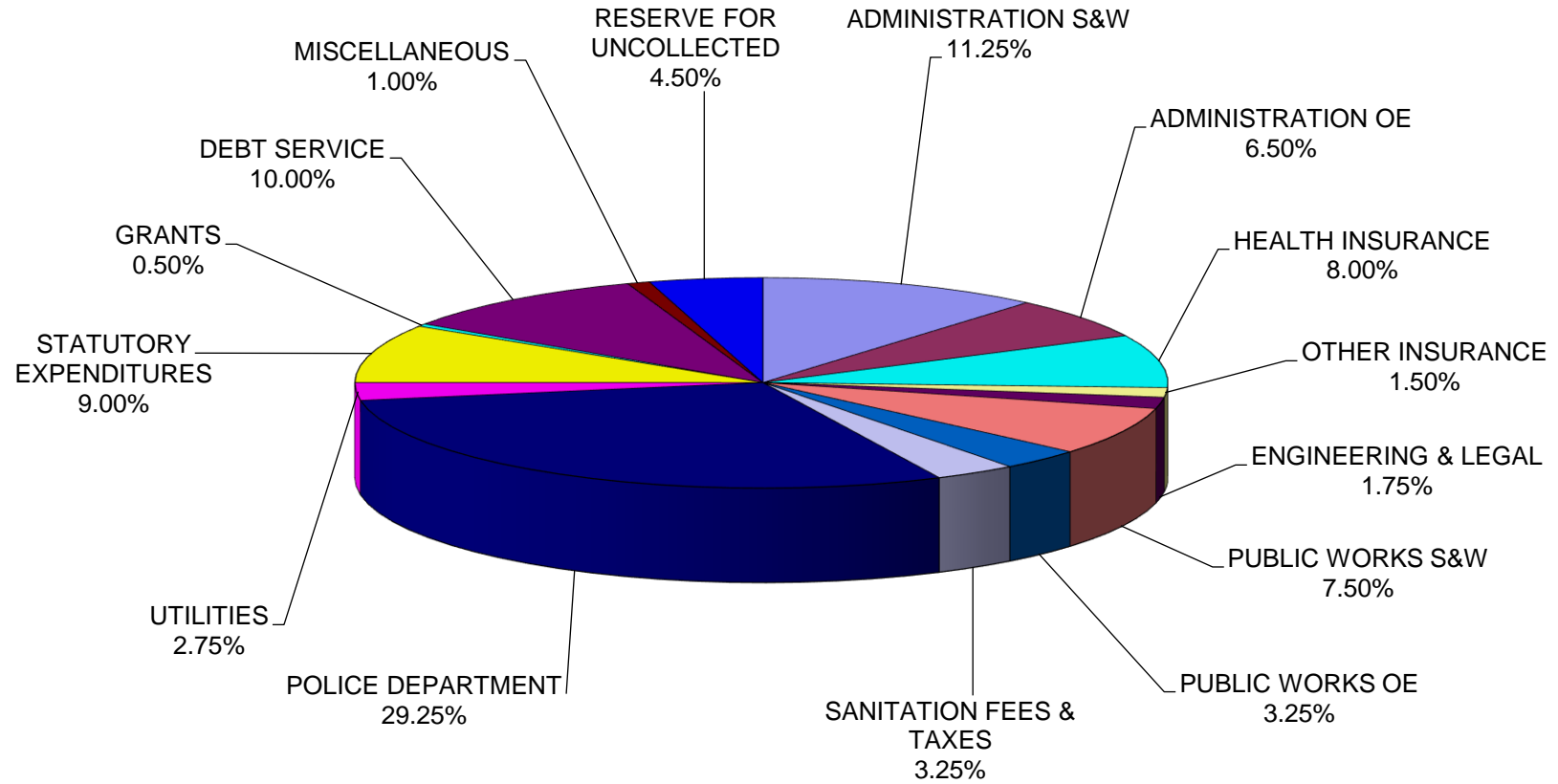
Balance of Outstanding Debt		Water & Sewer	
	General	Utility	
Interest	419,295	199,575	
Principal	849,575	272,150	
Outstanding Balance	\$16,496,914	\$6,592,650	

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington on March 13, 2019.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, on May1, 2019, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2019 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Building, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey (609) 499-2525 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## 2019 CURRENT FUND BUDGET

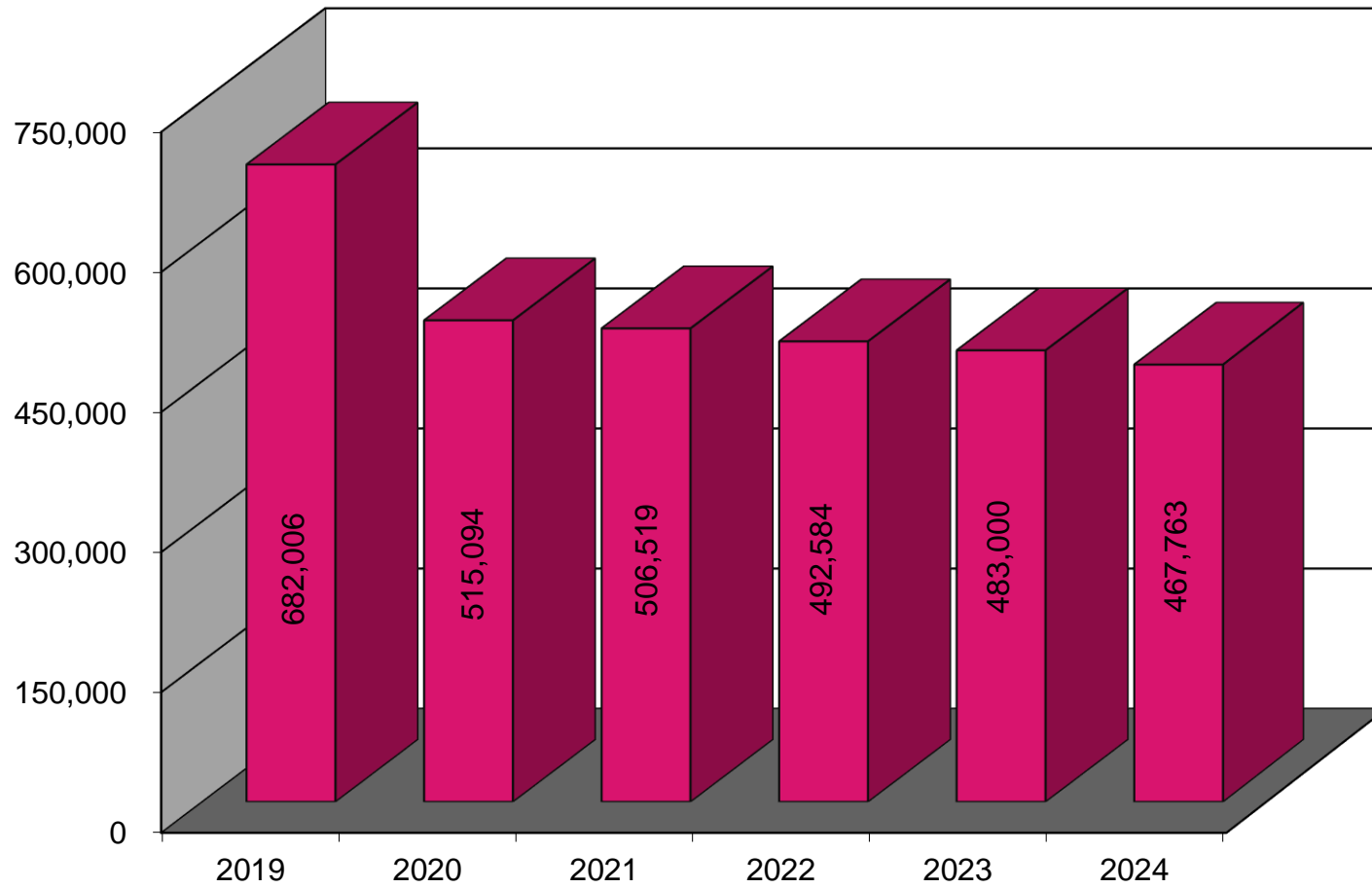


### POLICE DEPARTMENT

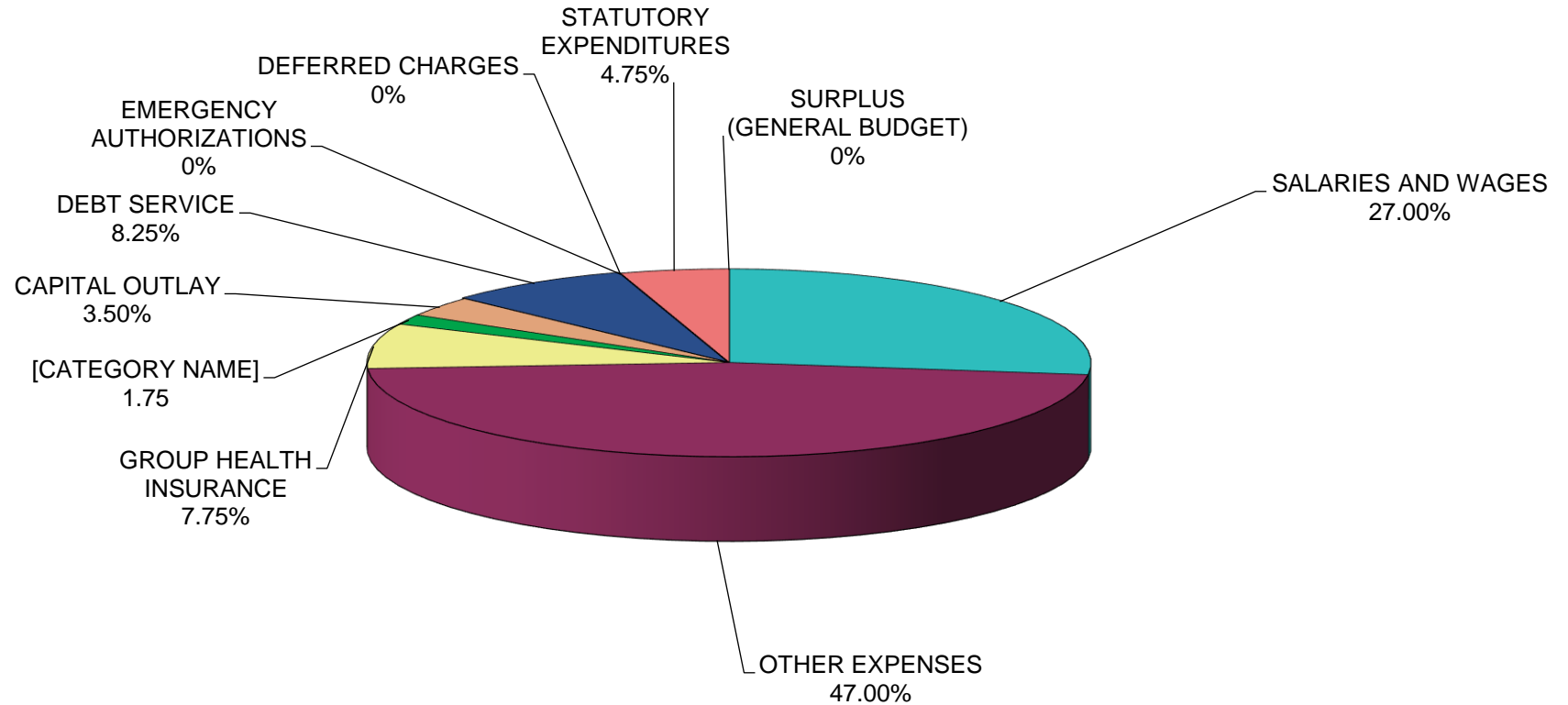
Salaries	27.25%
Other Expenses	2.00%

**TOTAL 2019 BUDGET**  
**12,457,574**

## Current Debt Service



## 2019 WATER & SEWER BUDGET



**TOTAL 2019 BUDGET**  
**\$5,757,218**

## Water & Sewer Utility Debt Service

